

Submission to PAC determination of Rocky Hill Coal Project

by Pippa Robinson

Although we live 28 kilometres from Gloucester, away from the proposed Rocky Hill mine site, the angst of the threat of the mine to the Gloucester community has been part of our family's life for the past eleven years.

I would like to speak to you about my friends who live or have lived, overlooking and close to the proposed mine site. I would like you to imagine yourself in their shoes with the strain, the stress, the tears that the drawn out planning for the mine has caused.

Imagine yourself living in the Forbesdale estate alongside the proposed mine site, living with the threat, as many have, for eleven years.

Imagine the pollution, the dust, the noise that you would have to deal with if the mine went ahead. You would have great difficulty selling your house should you wish to move and you would not be able to get a reasonable price for your house.

A sense and love of our place, the warm, happy, relationship to our surroundings is part of a normal healthy lifestyle. I have seen my friends lives destroyed though the threat of the mine hanging over them and their homes. The threat that has caused them to become very ill physically and mentally.

Please I ask the three of you to consider and understand the devastation that the Rocky Hill mine would cause so close to residents of Gloucester.

I recommend the Commission reject this mining application.

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